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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMAHIS.

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS

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ITEM NO: 24-6

DATE: 25 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: TROUBLES MOUNTING FOR HONDURAN CHIEF OF STATE

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THE AIR FORCE AND "CERTAIN OTHER UNITS" WERE ON ALERT IN ANTICIPATION OF A PEASANT UPRISING, EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE TODAY IN OLANCHO DEPARTMENT.

HONDURAS HAS A NUMBER OF POTENTIALLY SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS WHICH LOPEZ, THROUGH INACTION AND INDECISION, HAS LEFT TO DRIFT UNRESOLVED. AMONG THEM ARE:

- SERIOUS POVERTY IN THE RURAL SECTOR, ESPECIALLY IN OLANCHO
- A THREATENED STRIKE BY BUS, TAXI, AND TRUCK OWNERS

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--A POSSIBLE STRIKE BY BANANA WORKERS AGAINST STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY SYMPATHY STRIKERS OF OTHER UNIONS.

THIS IS THE SEASON FOR LAND "INVASIONS" AS THERE ARE NOT MANY WEEKS LEFT FOR PLANTING. VIOLENCE IN THIS SECTOR MAY ACCELERATE ACTION BY OTHER DISCONTENTED GROUPS. THE MILITARY HAS APPEARED VERY CONCERNED LATELY OVER THE DETERIORATING SITUATION, AND COUP RUMORS HAVE BEEN ON THE RISE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE CONFLUENCE OF PROBLEMS INDICATES

SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES AHEAD FOR THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT DURING THE

NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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